

Itep/US EPA Partnership

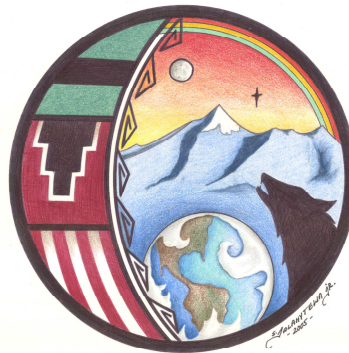
The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) began in 1993 under a Memorandum of Understanding between the US EPA and Northern Arizona University. ITEP was established with a vision to assist all tribes in the management of their environmental resources through effective training and education programs.



ITEP has developed many partnerships with EPA since 1993 to assist tribes in developing their environmental capacity. ITEP programs consist of the following:

- Air Quality Training
- Water Quality Training
- Wastewater Training
- Environmental Compliance Inspection Training
- Environmental Education & Outreach
- Solid Waste Training

Additional programs are under development as ITEP works to meet the changing training needs of tribes across the county.



The Virgil Masayesva Native American Environmental Education Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established at NAU in recognition of Virgil Masayesva and his tireless pursuit to advance Native American environmental education and protection issues around the country. The principal purpose of the fund is to support qualified Native American students who are pursuing environmental careers, and others who are committed to careers associated with environmental protection of Indian Country.

Please contact the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at 928/523-9555 for details and questions about the scholarship fund. All contributions are tax deductible.

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Itep's Multi-media Environmental Training Programs

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University (NAU) offers training programs to tribes in various environmental media.

ITEP programs rely heavily on tribal input and participation. Tribal environmental professionals are recruited as instructors for training programs, where their expertise and experience serves as a valuable resource and contributes significantly to ITEP's success.

Awards include:

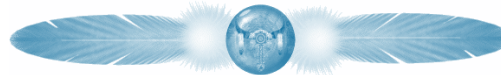
NTEC's Michael A. Frost Award for Environmental Excellence, 2003

US EPA Clean Air Act Advisory Committee's Environmental Excellence Award, 2001 & 2002



Air Quality

- Training and technical assistance for tribal environmental professionals on a large variety of topics
- Nearly 200 training courses offered and over 900 tribal environmental professionals served since 1994
- Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center established in 2000 in Las Vegas, NV
- Alaskan Native air quality training courses under development with EPA Region 10
- Pilot passive ozone monitoring project with EPA Region 9 tribes in S. California and SW Arizona
- Sponsor of National Tribal Forum
- Development of Tribal Emission Inventory Software Solution (TEISS), sponsored by WRAP
- Joint Air Toxics Assessment Project (JATAP) for Phoenix metropolitan region with ADEQ, Tribes and EPA
- New radiation monitoring course under development with EPA Radiation & Indoor Environments Lab
- Individualized assistance available to meet specific training needs
- **Contact: Lydia Scheer (928.523.6887)**



Water Quality

- Current work and focus within EPA Region 8
- Development and implementation of a water quality training needs assessment
- Development of water quality curricula
- Water quality certification training program under development
- Clean Water Act NPDES
- **Contact: Justin Ramsey (928.523.2150)**

Alaska Solid Waste Training

- Partnership developed with EPA Region 10
- Training courses provided in rural Native Alaskan villages
- **Contact: Jen Williams (907.349.2163)**

Colorado Plateau Solid Waste Training

- Developed in partnership with the USDA
- Solid waste management training and technical assistance provided to tribes in the Colorado Plateau region
- **Contact: Todd Barnell (928.523.3840)**

Compliance & Inspection

- Training courses include: Tribal Basic Inspector Training as well as media-specific inspector courses covering FIFRA, UIC, and NPDES
- **Contact: Todd Barnell (928.523.3840)**

Wastewater

- On-site wastewater training center developed on NAU campus in Flagstaff, Arizona
- New wastewater security training course under development with support from EPA Region 9
- **Contact: John Mead (928.523.1055)**

Environmental Education & Outreach

- K-12 Environmental Education & Outreach
- "Summer Scholars" providing middle and high school students on-campus experience
- Uranium and Radiation education and outreach with the Navajo Nation
- Air quality curriculum resources for tribal educators and classrooms
- Summer internships with EPA and tribal environmental agencies across the country
- **Contact: Mansel Nelson (928.523.1275)**